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I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SLACK MANAGER FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLES AND METHOD OF MANAGING SLACK IN SAME

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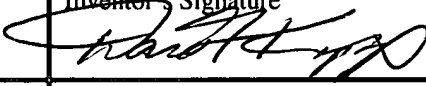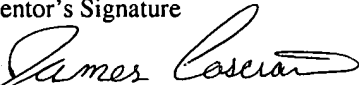| US Application Number	U.S. Filing Date	Patented	Pending	Abandoned

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